REPORT.

THE General Council begs to report that the number of Fellows for the Session 1897–8 was 235; of Members, 29; of Student Associates, 17. The Fellows decreased by 11, the Members by 7, and the Student Associates increased by 12.

A Congress was held in Dublin in the month of August by the Royal Institute of Public Health. This Congress was largely attended by the Fellows of the Academy, and the General Council subscribed from the funds of the Academy the sum of £50 towards the expenses of the meeting.

In consequence of this exceptional expenditure, and the diminution in the amount of subscriptions, the Council has not been in a position to invest any capital this year. The expenditure next year will also be considerably above the average, as the Council has, on the recommendation of the Council of the Pathological Section, ordered ten new microscopes (four with oil immersion lenses) for the use of the Academy. The cost of these instruments will amount to £120, and the Council believe that the money will be well spent in providing the Academy with a sufficient number of high class microscopes to carry on the work of the scientific evenings in a satisfactory manner.

It is with deep regret that the Council has to record the loss which the Academy has sustained during the past Session by the lamented death of Dr. Samuel Gordon, who

was for three years President of the Academy, and who as an Ex-President took a keen interest in its working, and was a regular attendant at its Council Meetings till within a few weeks of his death.

Death has also removed from our ranks several valued colleagues—Dr. Samuel Haughton, Mr. O'Grady, Drs. Montgomery Ward, Ringrose Atkins, and Austin Cooper.